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In re Application of: Chen, et al.

Title: SHORT DURATION DEPOT FORMULATIONS

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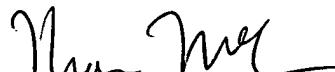
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated 04/24/2008, such extension allowing the undersigned until 10/24/2008 to respond.

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